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1. Following the dissolution of the DMP, its members were absorbed partly into the army and partly into the police force. Within the police force, they were organized into special sections (sektion), to act as political police.
2. To assume the duties formerly performed by the DMP, the Albanian Government organized so-called Vullnetar or volunteer units, composed of persons whose fidelity was certain. Commanders of the Vullnetar units were given unlimited powers within the area controlled by them. Members of the Vullnetar units are furnished olive green uniforms of Soviet origin with long trousers and puttees, and are well treated and relatively well paid. They are formed into squads of 10 men which, divided into two groups of 5 men each, guard the frontier at points located about every 500 meters.

3. Each 5-man group has the following armament:

- 1 Italian heavy machine gun
- 1 automatic rifle
- 2 sub-machine guns
- 1 Mauser rifle

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4. The frontier posts are connected by telephone with their respective headquarters.

5. The following information is [redacted] on Vullnetar headquarters:

- a. Leshnice: 120 Vullnetari guard the frontier from Leshnice to Verve.
- b. Ciflik: 120 Vullnetari are stationed between Verve and Hill 269 south of Butrint. In case of need, the Vullnetari can be supported by 300 infantrymen from the Sarande command.
- c. Dukat: about 500 Vullnetari are stationed between Kefali and Dukat. Their headquarters is located at height 1700 near Dukat. The commander is Major Qatip Dervishi.
- d. Jerme: 120 Vullnetari are stationed in the zone which includes Jerme, Kulurat, Livine, and Caush.
- e. Shen Gjergj: 10 Vullnetari are stationed in this area.

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1. Comment: It is not clear whether these units are in addition to, and independent of, the special sections of political police reported above.

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